

Developments

NGED Forum 2005

Over eighty NGED members, affiliate members and invited speakers met at the 2005 NGED Forum in April. The interactive two-day forum, which was held at the Stamford Grand Glenelg in South Australia, was a festival of talks, poster presentations and group discussions. Speakers at the Forum included:

Talks / reviews of research fields

- David Tremethick, ANU, JCSMR, Molecular Biosciences
- John Bertram, Monash Uni, Anatomy and Cell Biology
- Jeremy Thompson, Adelaide Uni, O&G
- Jean Finnegan, CSIRO, Plant Industry
- Michael D'Occhio, UQ, Animal Studies
- Simon Bawden, SARDI, Livestock Systems
- Simon Koblar, University of Adelaide
- Sandra Rees, Uni Melbourne
- Paul Colditz, UQ, Perinatal Research Centre
- Peter Koopman, UQ, IMB
- Patrick Tam, CMRI, Embryology
- Stuart Hooper, Monash Uni, Physiology

Introduction of NGED Programs

- Rob Richards, University of Adelaide (NGED Steering Group)
- Mary Wlodek, Uni Melbourne (Membership Committee)
- Carol Wicking, UQ (Interchange Program Group)
- Eleanor Mackie, Uni Melbourne (Network Awareness Group)

Network 'Sponsors'

- Alan Johnson, Australian Research Council
- Judy Black, National Health and Medical Research Council
- Rob Richards on behalf of Hutton Oddy, Meat and Livestock Australia



The Network has received overwhelmingly positive feedback about the Forum from its members and invited speakers.

"What a marvellously rich, fascinating and informative meeting it was. In concrete terms, I can relate the following direct outcomes:

An approach occurred after the meeting from a biochemistry based researcher who is interested in some of the research I described. We are emailing and 'Networking' - a direct result of the NGED mtg.

As a result of me being better educated by the meeting, I subsequently approached a researcher well outside my area of research, to facilitate my own research.

I have made an approach to explore collaborative research with a group I was unaware of prior to the meeting.

I have 'grown' the circle of researchers aware of NGED and its aims through an opportunity at an institutional level to represent the paper I presented at NGED.

Many thanks. Congratulations on a well organised meeting."

(Paul Colditz, University of Queensland)

The Network would be delighted to hear from others how attending this meeting may have helped you in your research. Please send your comments to [Helli Meinecke](mailto:Helli.Meinecke@nged.org.au), NGED Office.



We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all speakers and attendees for their time and effort in contributing to the NGED Forum. The combined efforts of all involved contributed to the success of the meeting.

Sincere thanks and best wishes
The NGED Steering Group

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The suggested dates for the 2006 NGED Forum are

- a) Monday, 18.09.06 – Tuesday, 19.09.06, or
- b) Monday, 25.09.06 – Tuesday, 26.09.06

If you are aware of any conferences or meetings in 2006 that may clash with the suggested dates,
please contact [Helli Meinecke](#) as soon as possible.

NGED Programs

The NGED has introduced a number of programs to facilitate the development of new collaborations, partnerships and training opportunities in areas of development research:

<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
TBA	NGED Conference Support
1 July 2005	NGED Conference Participation Award
1 July 2005	NGED Laboratory Interchange Program
Ongoing	NGED Cross-Disciplinary Workshop Attendance Award

Award rules and application forms are available on the [NGED website](#).

NGED Membership

New Members

The NGED wishes to welcome **Graham Lieschke**, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, as a new member of the Network. Graham's member profile has been added to the NGED [website](#).

Updated Profiles

Updated profiles on the NGED website include:

- Patrick Tam, Children's Medical Research Institute
- Ross Tellam, CSIRO Livestock Industries

Upcoming Conferences

<p>3-7 Sept 2005</p>	 <p>The 15th International Society of Developmental Biologists Congress, themed "From Egg to Adult: Constructing the Complexity of Life" Date: 3rd-7th September 2005 Place: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on Darling Harbour. The ISDB Congress, held every four years, is the flagship meeting of Developmental Biology Societies worldwide and is a major event in the biosciences calendar. It provides a forum for developmental biologists of all branches of the discipline to converge for presentations of cutting edge science, discussions and networking with other scientists and the biotechnology sector. For more information about the ISDB Congress 2005, please visit http://www.isdb2005.com/</p>
<p>8-12 Sept 2005</p>	<p>The 2nd International Great Barrier Reef Drosophila Conference Date: 8th-12th September 2005 Place: Cairns Colonial Club Resort, Queensland For details please visit http://www.cmqd.adelaide.edu.au/conference</p>
<p>25-28 Sept 2005</p>	<p>32nd International Fetal and Neonatal Physiology Society Conference and Jeffrey Robinson Symposium Date: 25th-28th September 2005 Place: Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, SA Australia For more information please visit http://www.mbs.adelaide.edu.au/fnps2005/</p>
<p>2005 30 Sept – 3 Oct</p>	<p>Preterm Birth – Causes & Consequences Date: 30th Sept – 3rd Oct 2005 Place: Fremantle Organisers: Tim Moss, Jon Hirst, John Newnham, Roger Smith & Richard Harding More information is available at http://www.obsqyn.uwa.edu.au/fnps</p>
<p>1-3 Oct 2005</p>	<p>The 2nd International Conference on Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transitions Date: 1st-3rd October 2005 Place: Vancouver, Canada Co-chairs are Dr Shoukat Dedhar and Dr Raghu Kalluri. The International Organising Committee consists of Mina Bissell, Elizabeth Hay, Kohei Miyazono, Suresh Mohla, Donald Newgreen, Pierre Savagner, Jean-Paul Thiery, Erik Thompson, Robert Weinberg.</p>
<p>16-20 Nov 2005</p>	<p>The Third International Congress on Developmental Origins of Health & Disease Date: 16-20 November 2005 Place: Toronto, Canada www.mpi-evv.com/2005DOHaD/frameset.htm</p>
<p>2005 29 Nov – 2 Dec</p>	<p>Sir Mark Oliphant Conference on "Epigenetic regulation of Development and Disease" Date: November 29th - December 2nd 2005 Place: The Discovery Centre, CSIRO, Plant Industry Registration opens: February, 2005 For further information contact Jean Finnegan or visit http://www.pi.csiro.au/markoliphant-conf/</p>
<p>2006 April 3-5</p>	<p>Enteric Nervous System Development: Cells, Signals and Genes Date: 3rd- 5th April 2006 Place: Arden Conference Center, Arden House Road, Harriman, NY, USA Co-chairs are Drs Heather Young and Donald Newgreen. The International Organising Committee consists of Vassilis Pachnis, Alan Burns, Aravinda Chakravarti and Michael D. Gershon.</p>